Setting up of hospital and medical college at Bhuj

1942. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister on his visit to Bhuj in Gujarat after the devastating earthquake in the State had announced Rs. 100 crore grant for setting-up of a world class hospital and medical college at Bhuj to be completed by 26th January, 2003;

(b) if so, the progress made in this respect, so far;

(c) whether Government have any proposal for mobile hospitals in Kutch district of Gujarat, particularly in the remote areas of the district; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, together with financial allocation made by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) The Prime Minister Office has informed that the Prime Minister had announced the reconstruction of the District Hospital at Bhuj, which was completely devastated in the Earthquake. This was in response to the request of the State Government. The progress of the construction so far is as per schedule.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Vaccine for AIDS

1943. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Chemical Laboratory at Pune has developed an effective vaccine for AIDS;

(b) if so, the complete details thereof;